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Note by the Secretary-General

In accordance with rule 135 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and rule 59 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the Secretary-General has the honour to circulate herewith the application of the Republic of Lithuania for admission to membership in the United Nations, contained in a letter dated 29 August 1991 from the President of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Lithuania addressed to the Secretary-General.

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Letter dated 29 August 1991 from the President of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Lithuania addressed to the Secretary-General

The Republic of Lithuania, having a centuries-long history of statehood, participated in the activities of international organizations until the Second World War as a full-fledged member. The Supreme Council of the Republic of Lithuania, by the declaration of 11 March 1991, restored the execution of sovereign power of the State of Lithuania, abolished by foreign forces in 1940, which is once again an independent State.

The Republic of Lithuania is fully executing governing control over all its territory and is pursuing peaceful policies in accordance with the principles and purposes of the United Nations.

Permit me, in accordance with the 11 February 1991 Declaration of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Lithuania on the Participation of the Republic of Lithuania as an Equal Member of the World Community of Nations, by the present letter to submit a request for the admission of the Republic of Lithuania into the United Nations in accordance with Article 4 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Believing that our request will be favourably received, the Republic of Lithuania formally assumes the obligations of the Charter of the United Nations, which it is able and willing to carry out.

The Republic of Lithuania would be very grateful for debate concerning the present request to be given precedence and for the opportunity for a delegation from the Republic of Lithuania to participate in the next session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

(Signed) Vytautas LANDSBERGIS